

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. An absorbent article to be worn inside of another absorbent
2 article, comprising a liquid-permeable facing layer which faces the wearer, a backing
3 layer in contact with another absorbent article, said backing layer being formed of a
4 liquid-impermeable sheet and having at least one opening made therein, and an
5 absorbent core interposed between the facing layer and the backing layer.

1 2. The absorbent article of Claim 1, further comprising a removable,
2 liquid-impermeable covering sheet wherein the covering sheet closes the opening.

1 3. The absorbent article of Claim 2, further comprising an adhesive
2 means on the backing layer, wherein the adhesive means contacts the covering sheet
3 thereby maintaining the covering sheet in place and provides an adhesive force after
4 the covering sheet is removed.

1 4. The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the opening is located
2 in an absorbing area of the absorbent core.

1 5. The absorbent article of Claim 4, wherein a plurality of the
2 openings are arranged to comprise a liquid-passing area in-substantial communication
3 with the absorbing area.

1 6. The absorbent article of Claim 4, wherein a plurality of the
2 openings are arranged substantially at the center of the absorbing area.

1 7. The absorbent article of Claim 5, wherein the adhesive means is
2 located in the absorbing area.

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8. The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein the adhesive means is located in the absorbing area, wherein the adhesive means surrounds the openings.

~~9. The absorbent article of Claim 7, wherein the adhesive means is an adhesive applied to the backing layer.~~

10. The absorbent article of Claim 8, wherein the adhesive means is an adhesive applied to the backing layer.

11. The absorbent article of Claim 3, wherein the backing layer comprises another adhesive means at a position which does not face the covering sheet.

12. An absorbent article to be worn inside of another absorbent article, comprising a liquid-permeable facing layer which faces the wearer, a liquid-permeable backing layer to be applied to another absorbent article, and an absorbent core interposed between the facing layer and the backing layer.

13. The absorbent article of Claim 12, further comprising a removable, liquid-impermeable covering sheet which covers the entire surface of the backing layer.

14. The absorbent article of Claim 13, further comprising a first adhesive means and a second adhesive means, both for fastening the covering sheet disposed on the backing layer, wherein the second adhesive means is located on both sides of the absorbent article in the widthwise direction and the first adhesive means is located closer to the center of the absorbent article in the widthwise direction than the second adhesive means, wherein the first adhesive means exhibiting a stronger adhesive force than the second adhesive means after the covering sheet is removed.

Sub. a18 > 1 15. The absorbent article of Claim 14, wherein the first adhesive
2 means is an adhesive in a striped pattern.

1 16. The absorbent article of Claim 13, further comprising a liquid-
2 impermeable side layer disposed on both sides of the backing layer in the widthwise
3 direction and between the backing layer and covering sheet.

1 17. The absorbent article of Claim 16, further comprising a first
2 adhesive means for fastening the covering sheet disposed on the backing layer and a
3 second adhesive means for fastening the covering sheet disposed on the side layers, the
4 first adhesive means exhibiting a stronger adhesive force than the second adhesive
5 means after the covering sheet is removed.

Sub. a19 > 1 18. The absorbent article of Claim 17, wherein the first adhesive
2 means is an adhesive in a striped pattern.

1 19. The absorbent article of Claim 14, wherein the covering sheet
2 comprises a third adhesive means, said third adhesive means exhibiting an adhesive
3 force to another absorbent article when the absorbent article is contacted with the
4 another absorbent article, wherein the adhesive force of the third adhesive means to the
5 another absorbent article is weaker than the adhesive force of the second adhesive
6 means to the covering sheet.

1 20. The absorbent article of Claim 17, wherein the covering sheet
2 comprises a third adhesive means, said third adhesive means exhibiting an adhesive
3 force to another absorbent article when the absorbent article is contacted with the
4 another absorbent article, wherein the adhesive force of the third adhesive means to the
5 another absorbent article is weaker than the adhesive force of the second adhesive
6 means to the covering sheet.

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